

Re: Docket No. 98N-1038 '99 JUL 19 P5:22  
"Irradiation in the Production, Processing & Handling  
of Food"

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TO whom it may concern,

I strongly believe that all foods treated with irradiation should be clearly labeled ~~nowhere~~ with a written statement: "treated by irradiation." This statement should be large, easy to read & placed near the front panel of the package or the name of the food. Unpackaged food must be labeled by a poster in plain view, adjacent to where the product is for sale. Clear & honest labeling is the only way I can make an informed decision about my food. I also feel that as an American consumer, I have a right to know what my food has been exposed to.

All FDA labels are required to be truthful and not misleading - irradiation labels should be no different. Any phrase involving "pasteurization" is misleading b/c pasteurization

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is an entirely different process than irradiation.  
The requirement requiring irradiation disclosure  
on all foods - both the label and the radura  
symbol should not expire at all, ever.  
The material fact of processing remains -  
food free from irradiation, and that  
difference must be clearly noted.  
Without a label, consumers may be misled  
into believing food has not been irradiated.  
In short, I am very concerned about  
the possibility of weakening the labeling  
requirement for irradiated foods & demand  
clean + honest labeling on my foods.

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